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Title: METHOD TO ENHANCE AND/OR PROLONG THE EFFECTS OF A PRIMARY
CHALLENGE TO A RESPONSIVE SYSTEM WITH A SECONDARY CHALLENGE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Claim Amendments

Please cancel claims 2-4 and 12 without prejudice.
Please amend the following claims:

- part B1*
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1. (Amended) A method comprising the steps of:
- a) subjecting a test site of a responsive system to a primary challenge;
 - b) subjecting the test site to a secondary challenge, wherein the secondary challenge differs from the primary challenge and wherein the secondary challenge is designed to enhance, and/or prolong a response of the responsive system to the primary challenge; and
 - c) assessing the response;
- wherein the primary challenge is a chemical challenge and the secondary challenge is a physical challenge.
- part B2*
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8. (Amended) A study comprising the steps of:
- a) applying a primary challenge to a test site of a responsive system; applying a secondary challenge to the test site, wherein the secondary challenge differs from the primary challenge and wherein the secondary challenge is designed to enhance and/or prolong a response of the responsive system to the primary challenge, wherein the primary challenge is a chemical challenge and the secondary challenge is a physical challenge; and
 - b) creating one or more controls selected from the group consisting of negative controls, primary controls, secondary controls, positive controls, and mixtures thereof.